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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH SWISS ON CSCE AND THE BELGRADE MEETINGS

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1. SUMMARY: SWISS APPRECIATE OUR CONTINUED WILLINGNESS
CONSULT AND WILL BRIEF US AFTER MEETING OF
NEUTRALS SCHEDULED MAY 15 IN BERM. THE CONFIRM

THAT THERE WILL BE NO NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED MEETING PRIOR FIRST BELGRADE MEETING. SWISS VIEWS ON MOST ISSUES COVERED REFTEL ARE CLOSE TO OURS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APR 26 POL/ECONS CALLED ON HANSJORG RENK, SECRETARIAT, POLITICAL DEPT, TO GO OVER SUBJECTS COVERED REFTEL.

3. RENK WAS INTERESTED IN INDICATIONS WE HAD RECEIVED FROM SOVIETS ON THEIR POSITION. THEY CORRESPOND TO INFO THE SWISS HAVE RECEIVED.

4. PREPARATORY MEETING: THE SWISS SHARE OUR VIEWS ON WHAT THE MEETING SHOULD COVER, AND AGREE THAT HELSINKI "BLUE BOOK" RULES OF PROCEDURE SHOULD APPLY.

5. STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF MAIN MEETING AND ORGANIZATION OF REVIEW: SWISS SUPPORT THE GROWING CONSENSUS ON STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION. THEY BELIEVE COMMITTEES FOR EACH BASKET SHOULD CONDUCT THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION.

6. THE SWISS ARE IN FAVOR OF ADVANCING A LIMITED NUMBER OF NEW PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY ON CBM'S. THEY AGREE THAT ANY SUCH PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO ALTER THE LANGUAGE OF THE FINAL ACT.

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7. FINAL DOCUMENT: THE SWISS BELIEVE THAT WHILE DEBATE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMITTEES FOR EACH BASKET, THERE SHOULD BE A SEPARATE DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO WORK ON THE FINAL DOCUMENT. OTHERWISE A THOROUGH REVIEW MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE: THE DRAFTING EFFORT WOULD TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF THE TIME OF THE COMMITTEES. THE SWISS ENVISAGE A UNIFIED FINAL DOCUMENT, SOMETHING BETWEEN A DECLARATION AND A COMMUNIQUE. THE DOCUMENT SHOULD RECORD ANY DECISIONS REACHED, BUT SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED, THEREBY MAINTAINING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE FINAL ACT AND THE NEW DECLARATION. ANNEXES WOULD DETRACT FROM THE UNITY OF THE DOCUMENT. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID ANNEXES BY SUBDIVIDING THE DOCUMENT INTO SEPARATE CHAPTERS.

8. EXPERT GROUPS: THE SWISS ARE LESS CAUTIONS THAN WE IN THEIR APPROACH. THEY SHARE OUR CONCERN THAT THESE GROUPS NOT BE USED FOR OVERFLOW.

HOWEVER, THEY WANT TO SEE A DATE SET FOR ANOTHER BELGRADE-TYPE CONFERENCE AFTER THIS ONE. SETTING UP EXPERT GROUPS WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDED INCENTIVE FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON SUCH A CONFERENCE. THE SWISS SAY THAT THERE IS A CONSENSUS AMONG THE SMALLER COUNTRIES ON THIS POINT, WHICH FEEL THAT WITHOUT BELGRADE, HELSINKI MIGHT HAVE BEEN QUICKLY FORGOTTEN. THEY BELIEVE THAT SETTING A NEW DATE WILL HELP MAINTAIN MOMENTUM.

9. MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES: THE SWISS ARE ALSO PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE FORMULA USED IN CSCE.

10. FAMILY REUNIFICATION: RENK SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THERE HAS BEEN SOME SOFTENING ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS. THE REST OF THE EASTERN EUROPEANS TEND TO A PRAGMATIC RATHER THAN CONFIDENTIAL

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PURELY CHAUVINISTIC VIEW: THEY HAVE INVESTED MONEY IN POTENTIAL EMIGRANTS AND WANT THAT INVESTMENT RETURNED.

1. NEUTRALS WILL MEET IN BERN ON MAY 15 IN PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE. ALTHOUGH ANOTHER MEETING BETWEEN NEUTRALS AND NON-ALIGNED BEFORE THE FIRST BELGRADE MEETING IS UNLIKELY, THE SWISS BELIEVE THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE CONSULTATION AND EFFORTS TO COORDINATE VIEWS PRIOR TO AND DURING THE MAIN MEETING. DAVIS

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